

## CITY OF HARTFORD

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## SPANISH LANGUAGE VOTER HOTLINE NOW AVAILABLE IN HARTFORD

(November 2, 2005)--- The Registrars of Voters has launched its Spanish Voters Hotline: (860) 543-8591. It is specifically designed to assist and engage the Spanish-language community in the Democratic process.

In recent decades, the City of Hartford has been experiencing the serious challenge of declining voter participation.

"We want to do our best to ensure that Hartford's voters have full access to the city's electoral process," stated Shirley Surgeon, Democratic Registrar of Voters. She goes on to say, "In addition to our outreach, training and registration efforts, we have established this voter hotline to help overcome any voting barriers".

Joseph Delorenzo, Republican Registrar of Voters, believes "This will be a convenient way to register to vote in Hartford, by calling the voter hotline, leaving your name and address and receiving a voter registration form which takes about two minutes to fill out and return by mail to the Registrar's office."

Mayor Eddie Perez adds, "Hartford is the city of opportunity. The goal is to find more ways to inform and involve all of our citizens in all of our diverse communities."

The voter hotline will be staffed during the Registrars of Voters office hours 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Messages may be left after hours.